

“The Fresno Veterans Home is just one of the ways we can say thank you for everything our Valley’s veterans have given us. This home is a place where our veterans can come to live; it is a place where they can receive health care; and it is a place where our veterans can enjoy the quality of life they deserve and have earned.

“Our Valley owes an immeasurable debt of gratitude to the countless men and women who answer the call of duty and serve our nation so selflessly. Their stories are the American story. Their sacrifice and bravery must never be forgotten.”

“It is the honor of a lifetime to have done my part in making the Fresno Veterans Home a reality. Whether it’s fighting for projects like this or ensuring that our soldiers receive the benefits they have earned, I will continue to do everything in my power to serve our Valley’s veterans, just as they have served our country.

“I would like to thank Secretary Brautigan, Charlie Waters, Chuck Parnell, Gordon Pickett, Dan Payne, Rufus Hernandez and all the members of the Central CA Veterans Home Support Foundation and the many veterans groups involved for their outstanding work to bring this project to fruition.”

The Fresno Veterans Home will be the first veterans home in Fresno County. It will have 300 beds and employ approximately 452 permanent employees

Congressman Costa was one of the forces behind the effort to bring the home to Fresno. Over 10 years ago, as a state lawmaker, he helped place it on the list of locations being considered by the legislature and fought successfully to get it approved. Fresno, along with Los Angeles and Redding, made the final cut.

As a member of Congress, Costa or a member of his staff attended monthly meetings in the district over the last five years to coordinate planning and construction. Thanks to his work, the Department of Veterans Affairs, under the State Veterans Home Construction program, allocated 65% of the costs of construction for the project. The VA has provided over \$92 million for this project.

Other California Veterans Homes are located in Yountville (Napa County), Barstow (San Bernardino County), Chula Vista (San Diego County), Lancaster (Los Angeles County) and Ventura (Ventura County). New Homes coming online include Fresno, Los Angeles and Redding (Shasta County).